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Dear Mr. Tractenberg:

We met in about January 1989, shortly after passage of the Anti Drug Abuse Act of 1988, when Paul Molloy and I met with you and others in your office to acquaint you with Oxford House. I helped start the first Oxford House, was the first president of that house, first president of the second Oxford House, and was the first board chairman. I have been connected with Oxford House from the beginning in 1975. The recent expansion was my idea. I am now associated in an advisory capacity.

Last night at an Oxford House "Town Meeting," an official Oxford House plenary meeting of house presidents, board members, house members and alumni, the enclosed letter was approved with but one dissenting vote.

The manner of the submission of the Oxford House proposal to the NIAAA on July 13 was highly unusual since Mr. Molloy was not an officer of the corporation and acted without authority. He has *never* been elected chief executive officer, although that's the title used in the proposal and the way he has signed letters.

The avoid unnecessary work on the proposal and to avert entanglements, I think the Oxford House proposal responding to RFP OTI-90-0002 should be shelved.

I will be on vacation from Aug. 25 until Sept. 10. I will be happy to answer any questions when I return.

Sincerely yours,

John V. O'Neill